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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
REGISTRY OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS  
P. O. Box 13447  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95813

## REGISTRATION FORM

1. AMERICAN G I FORUM OF SAN JOSE 26205  
AMER G I FORUM OF SN JOSE  
1680 E SN CLARA ST  
SN JOSE CA 95116  
Federal Employer  
Identification Number  
85-6011222

2. Form of organization: (Check only one box which is applicable to this entity):

☒ Corporation No. 732868 Incorporated in State of Calif. on March 19, 1975

☐ Unincorporated Association. Date Established \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Inter Vivos Trust of \_\_\_\_\_

Date of trust instrument \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Testamentary Trust—Estate of \_\_\_\_\_

Will probated in County of \_\_\_\_\_ Probate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Decree of Distribution or last account filed on \_\_\_\_\_

3. Names and addresses of all trustees or directors and officers (attach list if necessary):

SEE ATTACHED LIST OF OFFICERS

4. Attach a statement to describe how the organization will operate in carrying out its purpose. If the organization is operating in other states as well as California, comment fully on the extent of activities to be conducted in California and how the activities will relate to total activities.

SEE ATTACHED SUMMARY

5. Have assets been received? (funds, property, etc.) No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_, date first received \_\_\_\_\_

? If "Yes," attach financial statements as required in the instructions.

If "No," advise us when funds or other assets are received so registration can be completed.

6. Annual accounting period adopted: Fiscal year ending \_\_\_\_\_, or calendar year ☒

7. Attached are copies of the following documents as required by the instructions:

☒ Articles of Incorporation

☐ Trust Instrument

☐ Articles of Association

☐ Will of \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Bylaws

☐ Decree of Distribution

☐ Financial Statements

☐ Federal Exemption Determination Letter

E. David S. [Signature] Chairman  
SIGNATURE TITLE  
1680 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, Ca. 95116  
ADDRESS

(408) 259-0411

CT-1 (6-76)

DATE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Registration No. CT 26205

Date of Registration 8-1-77

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND FILING

## REGISTRATION FORM

(Section References are to the California Government Code)

### WHO MUST FILE

Every charitable corporation and every trustee (includes unincorporated associations) holding assets for charitable purposes or doing business in the State of California must register with the Attorney General, except those exempted by Section 12583. Corporations which are organized and operated primarily as a hospital, a school or a religious organization are exempted by Section 12583.

### WHEN TO FILE

Pursuant to Section 12585, registration is required of every trustee subject to the Uniform Supervision of Trustees for Charitable Purposes Act within six months after receipt of assets (cash or other forms of property) for the charitable purposes for which organized.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Item 5)

In the case of newly created charitable organizations, an opening balance sheet is required showing the initial composition of assets, and liabilities, if any, which activated the organization. In the case of established organizations which have recently authorized or required any part of their income or principal to be applied to a charitable purpose, the balance sheet should show only those charitable assets and liabilities, if any, on the date they were so designated. Include a detailed description of all assets and liabilities, including cash on hand and in banks, name and number of invested securities at cost or book value, personal and real property.

Foreign corporations holding assets for charitable purposes and recently qualifying to do business in California must file complete financial statements meeting our requirements for the last two fiscal years preceding the filing of this Registration Form, CT-1.

Tardy registrants must file complete financial statements meeting our requirements for each fiscal year they have been subject to Section 12586.

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED (Item 7)

Corporation: A certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation, amendments thereto, and Bylaws.

Unincorporated Association: A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws, or other instrument under which it is organized and operates.

Inter Vivos Trust: A certified copy of instrument creating Trust.

Testamentary Trust: A certified copy of Will and Decree of Distribution.

All registrants: (1) A copy of your federal exemption determination letter if available, (2) copies of publications, literature, etc., if any, which the organization distributes.

### EXECUTION OF REGISTRATION FORM

Where there is a single trustee, the form is to be executed by that individual.

Where there is a group of individuals or corporation holding as trustees, any one of the trustees may execute the form. In the case of a charitable corporation the form should be executed by an authorized officer.

### WHERE TO FILE

Forward the completed form to the Registry of Charitable Trusts, P.O. Box 13447, Sacramento 95813. Retain one copy for your records.

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If additional information is required, please refer to the Uniform Supervision of Trustees for Charitable Purposes Act (Gov. Code Secs. 12580-12597) and the Administrative Rules and Regulations pursuant to the Act (Calif. Adm. Code, Title 11, Secs. 300-306 and 310).



# ***San Jose Chapter***

**"OLD NUMBER ONE"**

1680 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, Calif. 95116 (408) 259-0411

BOARD MEMBERS-July 1,1977-June 30,1978

Chairman:

Mr. David Sierra  
44 N. Jackson Ave. F-23  
San Jose, Ca. 95116

Vice-Chairman:

Mr. Bob Escobar  
575 Oldbrook Ct.  
San Jose, Ca. 95111

Recording Secretary:

Mr. Gene Garza  
1286 Terilyn Dr.  
San Jose, Ca. 95122

Corresponding Secretary:

Mr. Ernie Abeytia  
1961 Park Ave.  
San Jose, Ca. 95110

Treasurer:

Mr. Pedro Gonzalez  
2953 Fallwood Lane  
San Jose, Ca. 95122

Chaplain:

Mr. Richard Rubi  
2155 Lanai #113  
San Jose, Ca. 95122

Sgt.-at-Arms:

Mr. Frank Caballero  
641 Enright Ave.  
Santa Clara, Ca. 95050

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REGISTRATION FORM

San Jose GI Forum is a non-profit organization which encourages and assists Veterans and local citizens to actively participate in the civic, educational, cultural and social life of the community.

General membership meetings are held the first Friday of every month, chaired by the Chapter Chairman. Additionally, Board of Directors meetings are held whenever necessary to conduct the business of the organization.

We sponsor the San Jose GI Forum Scholarship Foundation, chartered by the State of California to provide educational grants to deserving young men and women graduating from local high schools.

We also sponsor a Veterans Outreach Program which assists veterans in getting the full benefits of their GI Bill of Rights.

We co-sponsor Operation SER / Jobs For Progress, Inc., a manpower development organization which seeks and develops jobs for needy people.

In the past we have made contributions to the following causes:

Sponsored the Phillies in the Eastside Little League, with three chapter members serving as coaches for the team.

Donated money to the Civilian Air Patrol junior cadet program to encourage young men and women to learn to fly and be productive citizens. Donated an American Flag to that group also.

Collected clothing for victims of the Guatamalan earthquake and provided storage space in a garage for the supplies.

Yearly sponsor a contest to select a Miss San Jose GI Forum, with the winner receiving a scholarship.

Supported Bicentennial activities of the United States of America and City of San Jose.

Aided Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department in recruitment of interested young men and women to be Deputy Sheriffs.

We co-sponsor LOS LUPENOS DE SAN JOSE, a folkloric dance group which also receives funds from the City of San Jose, the State of California and other cultural organizations.

Through the use of democratic methods of running our organization, educate our members and guests in the American participatory political system. Guests at our chapter meetings are allowed to participate in our discussions, though they may not vote nor make motions.

By having speakers of general interest address our chapter meetings, we seek to make our members and guests aware of pressing social, economic, educational and cultural needs in our community.

Political leaders in the community are asked to address our meetings to give members and guests an insight into what is happening in the community.

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ENDORSED  
FILED

in the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

FEB 23 1987

VICTOR GARZA and DAVID SIERRA certify that:

MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

1. They are the Chairperson and Secretary, respectively, of AMERICAN G I FORUM OF SAN JOSE, A California Non-profit Corporation.
2. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, held at San Jose, California on February 6, 1987 the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved: That Article II of the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation be amended to read as follows:

II: The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are:

A. This Corporation is a non-profit public Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

B. The specific and primary purposes are:

- (1) To encourage and assist Veterans and local citizens to actively participate in the civic, educational and cultural life of the community.
- (2) To secure and protect for all veterans and their families, the rights and privileges vested in them by the laws of our country.
- (3) To encourage and promote fundraising for scholarships and other charitable activities or institutions in the local San Jose Community.
- (4) To assist the needy in the local San Jose community by donating food, clothing and other such aid.

The general purposes and powers are to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on non-profit Corporations under the laws of California, including but not limited to the power to contract, rent, buy and sell personal and real property; provided, however, that the corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

"Resolved Further: That Article III of the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation be amended to read as follows:

III: A. This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.


B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue code.

"Resolved Further: That Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation be amended to read as follows:

VII The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private individual. Upon dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or Corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.


3. The foregoing Amendment of Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the Board of Directors.
4. The foregoing Amendment of Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by a majority vote of the Corporation's members as required by this Corporation's bylaws.


  
Victor Garza, Chairperson

  
David Sierra, Secretary

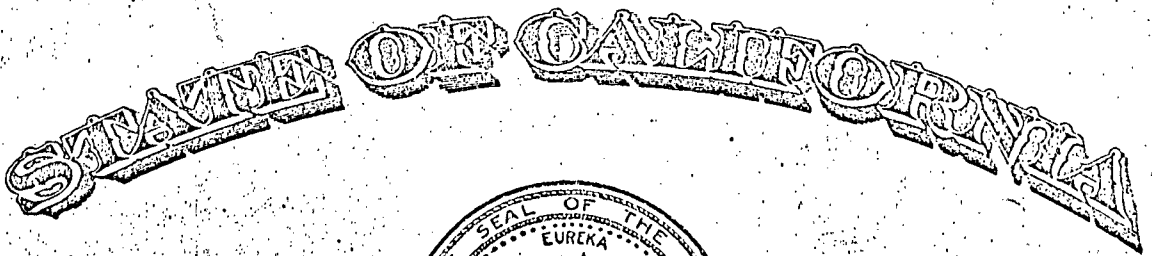
The undersigned declare under penalty of perjury that the matters set forth in the foregoing certificate are true of their own knowledge.

Executed at San Jose, California on February 6, 1987.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Victor Garza

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David Sierra





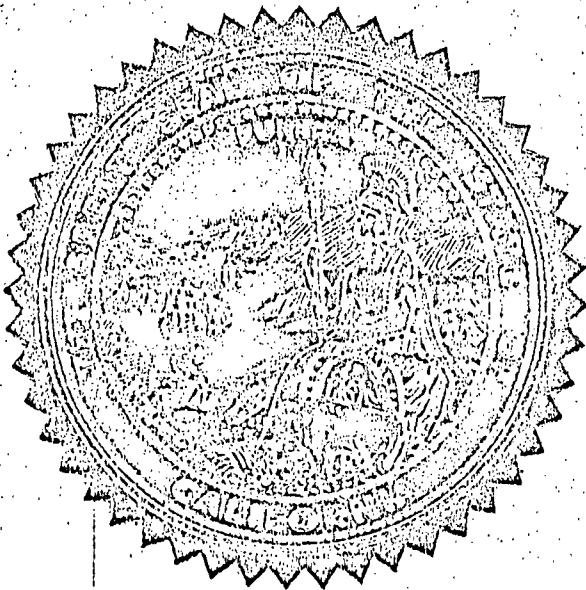
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I, *MARCH FONG EU*, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the annexed transcript has been compared with the *RECORD* on file in this office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that same is full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute  
this certificate and affix the Great  
Seal of the State of California this

MAR 20 1975



*March Fong Eu*

Secretary of State

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In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

MAR 19 1975

MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

Irene Keeler  
Deputy

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

AMERICAN G I FORUM OF SAN JOSE

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be:

AMERICAN G I FORUM OF SAN JOSE

ARTICLE II

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

(1) To encourage and assist Veterans and local citizens to actively participate in the civic, educational, cultural, and political life of the community by helping to overcome obstacles which inhibit lawful participation.

(2) To secure and protect for all veterans and their families, the rights and privileges vested in them by the laws of our country.

(3) To encourage and promote fund raising for scholarships and other charitable activities or institutions.

(4) To assist the needy in the local San Jose community by donating food, clothing and other such aid.

The general purposes and powers are to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on non-profit corporations under the laws of California, including but not limited to the power to contract, rent, buy and sell personal and real property; provided, however, that the corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this corporation. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III

This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Non-profit Corporation Law of the State of California and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and it is organized for non-profit purposes.

#### ARTICLE IV

The county in the State of California where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is located in the County of Santa Clara.

#### ARTICLE V

The general management of the affairs of this corporation shall be under the control, supervision, and direction of the Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of Directors until the selection of their successors are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Frank Caballero	641 Enright Avenue Santa Clara, Calif.
Antonio Rosales	1974 Harbor View Avenue San Jose, California
Fred Vasquez	14849 Easthills Drive San Jose, California
Higinio Garza	1286 Terilyn Avenue San Jose, California
David Sierra	127 Graham Avenue #3 San Jose, California
Marie DuPuis	1290 Sundown Lane San Jose, California
Jose Reuter	2131 The Alameda San Jose, California

#### ARTICLE VI

The number and qualifications of members of the corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability to dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be as set forth in the By-laws.

#### ARTICLE VII

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private individual. The purposes contained in this paragraph are limited to those meeting the requirements for a welfare exemption under Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Upon dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(4) of

the Internal Revenue Code. If this corporation holds any assets in trust or a corporation is formed for charitable purposes, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the County in which the corporation has its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 25th day of February, 1975.

NAME

ADDRESS

Chairman  
Frank Cabello.

641 Enright Avenue  
Santa Clara, Calif.

Tony Rozales  
Vice-Chairman

1974 Harbor View Avenue  
San Jose, California

J.A. Vazquez  
Sec.

14849 Easthills Drive  
San Jose, California

Virginia Lopez  
Treasurer

1286 Terilyn Avenue  
San Jose, California

E. David Smith  
Consol. Secretary

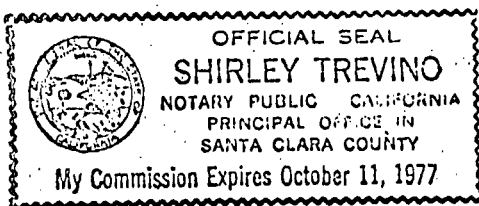
127 Graham Avenue #3  
San Jose, California

Walter D. Dumas  
Sgt at Arms

1290 Sundown Lane  
San Jose, California

Jose F. Renteria

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San Jose, California



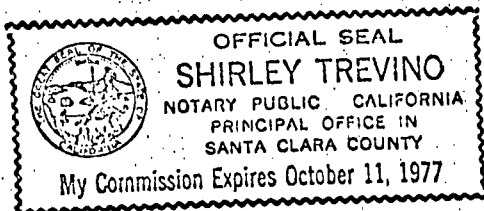
Shirley Trevino  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FORM OF INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
(CIVIL CODE SEC. 1189)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
                                  ) SS,  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA   )

On this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1975  
before me SHIRLEY TREVINO, a Notary Public in and for  
the above entitled County and State, personally appeared  
FRANK CABALLERO, Chairman; TONY ROSALES, Vice-Chairman;  
FRED VASQUEZ, Secretary; GENE GARZA, Treasurer; DAVID  
SIERRA, Corresponding Secretary; JOSE REUTER, Chaplain;  
and MARIE DU PUIS, Sgt. at Arms, known to me to be the  
persons whose names appear on these ARTICLES OF INCOR-  
PORATION and acknowledged to me that they executed the  
same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my official seal the day and year in this  
certificate first and above written.



Shirley Trevino  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE  
CALIFORNIA

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BY-LAWS  
OF  
AMERICAN GI FORUM OF SAN JOSE

ARTICLE I  
M E M B E R S H I P

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:

Members shall consist of three (3) classes:

Section (1) Active Veteran Member: Any American who has served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States and who is not otherwise barred from membership under provision of Section 4, Article I of these By-Laws, shall be eligible for membership in this organization.

Section (2) Active Non-Veteran Member: Any adult non-veteran American citizen of sound character, who has been recommended by an active veteran member, and who is not otherwise barred from membership under provisions of Section #4, Article I of these By-Laws, may be elected to membership by a majority vote at a regular meeting or special meeting.

Section (3) Honorary Member: Any adult person who has rendered outstanding service to the community may be elected to honorary membership of this organization by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a regular meeting or special meeting provided he is not otherwise barred from membership under provisions of Section #4, Article I of these By-Laws.

Section (4) Membership Restriction: No person who is now or who has knowingly ever been a member of communist, Fascist or any other organization or conspiracy that advocates the overthrow by force or other means of the government of the United States, nor anyone who refuses to take the non-subversive oath, shall be eligible for membership in this organization.

Section (5) Membership Limitations, Non-Veterans: The total non-veteran membership in the San Jose G.I. Forum may not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of its membership at the time of admission of a new non-veteran member. There must be no less than eight (8) Active Veteran Members to retain the Charter.

Section (6) Rights of Active Veterans and Active Non-Veteran members in good standing:

A. No member shall be deprived of his rights and privileges as a member, except for non-payment of dues or action of a duly constituted Trial Board having jurisdiction, and in



accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE V, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES.

B. All members shall have the right to appeal through proper channels from the actions of the San Jose Forum, the Forum Chairman or the Board of Directors, with the right of further appeal to the Department Convention provided that appeals shall be taken within sixty days from the rendering of such decisions. All decisions appealed from shall have full force and effect until reversed.

C. All members, except honorary, shall have the right to examine the books, reports, and correspondence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary or the Treasurer upon request.

D. All members shall have the right of voice and vote in any and all business of this organization.

E. Any member may move to censure the Chair or move that a vote of confidence be taken.

Section (7) Privileges, Active Veteran and Active Non-Veteran members in Good Standing:

Any qualified Active Veteran or Active Non-Veteran in good standing may be eligible to be nominated and elected to any office of this organization and may be appointed or elected as a delegate to the state board of directors meeting, the Department Convention, or the National Convention.

Section (8) Privileges, Honorary Members: Honorary members may attend the meetings of the Forum. They may be granted the privileges of the floor when called upon for information or advice or may participate in general information discussions, but shall not make or second motions or participate in debates or seek by work or act to influence the decision of the Forum on any question. Honorary members may not vote, hold office or pay dues.

Section (9) Application for Membership: Every application for membership shall be in writing, and in triplicate and shall be filled in every detail upon blanks to be furnished by the Department of California.

Section (10) Notification of Applicant: Each applicant shall be notified there by the Recording Secretary and upon presenting himself shall be properly obligated and inducted.

Section (11) Members in Good Standing: A member who has paid his dues to June 30th will remain in good standing until that date but will cease to be in good standing on July 1st, and shall not regain his good standing until his dues shall have been paid for the current fiscal year. If an applicant is accepted to membership during the month of April, May or June, his local dues shall be construed as paid through June 30th of the following year.

Section (12) Membership Oath: All persons shall take the following oath as a pre-requisite for membership in this organization:

"I do solemnly promise and swear that I will uphold the Constitution of the United States, my State and my flag; that I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American GI Forum and that I will neither wrong nor harm, any member thereof, so help me God."

"I further state, before God, that I am not now or have knowingly ever been a member of any Communist, Fascist or other conspiracy that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States; nor do I sympathize with or approve any such totalitarian doctrines, but instead will do my utmost at all times to combat them whenever the opportunity presents itself."

Section (13) Property Rights: The property of the corporation and the income therefrom is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes of the corporation, and no part of the property profits or net income of the corporation shall ever go to the private benefit of any member or other individual.

Section (14) No member of the corporation shall be personally or otherwise liable for any debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation.

## ARTICLE II

### MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

Section (1) Time and Place: A membership meeting shall be held at least once each month unless for good cause a meeting is postponed for any one such month at such time and place as may be determined by the Membership. The regular meeting will start at eight (8) p.m. and shall adjourn no later than 11:00 p.m. The time of adjournment may be extended by majority vote of the membership. The meeting place shall be determined by the Chairman or by the membership.

Section (2) Composition: Membership meetings shall be composed of regular veteran and non-veteran members of this organization and they alone shall be entitled to vote. Honorary members or guests shall be entitled to attend and to participate in informative discussions but may neither vote nor move the body.

Section (3) Powers: The membership shall be the supreme governing and judicial body of this organization. Action may be taken only by duly passed motions at membership meetings. Seven members shall constitute a quorum to do business and motions may be passed by a majority of votes of the members present unless the action to be taken is such that a prescribed majority shall be required by these By-Laws.

Section (4) Notices: At least five (5) days before a meeting of the membership, whether regular or special, the Recording Secretary shall send a written notice to each member to the address of such members as recorded in the official roster notifying him of the date, time, place and address of such meeting.



Section (5) Absenteeism: A member shall be considered inactive and ineligible for elective office if he is absent for four consecutive membership meetings. He shall be notified of his ineligibility by the Recording Secretary as soon as practicable after the fourth such absence. He shall remain on inactive status until he has attended two consecutive membership meetings and may be eligible for elective office on the second such meeting he attends.

Section (6) Transfers: Any member in good standing against whom no charges exist, may transfer to any other Forum upon presentation of an official request and his current annual paid-up membership card, provided he is accepted by the Chapter to which he is requesting the transfer. A transferring member shall not be liable for any fee solely due to the transfer. Upon request, a letter of transfer shall be issued to him by the Chairman. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the State Chairman and the State Treasurer.

### ARTICLE III

Section (1) Roster of Office: The number of officers in the organization shall be eight (8). There will be a:

1. Chairman;
2. Vice-Chairman;
3. Recording Secretary;
4. Corresponding Secretary;
5. Treasurer;
6. Chaplain;
7. Sergeant-at-Arms;
8. Legal Advisor.

With the exception of the Legal Advisor, all officers shall be elected to office. The Legal Advisor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section (2) Duties and Powers of the Chairman: The Chairman shall:

- A. Be the Chief Administrative Officer of the organization;
- B. Have general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the organization subject to the control of the Board of Directors and of the membership.
- C. Be the official representative of the organization at all social and civic functions at which this organization is represented.
- D. Have the power to appoint a delegate or representative in his place.
- E. Have the power to appoint the membership to all standing committees.
- F. Have the power to appoint the membership to all special committees.
- G. Be a member of all committees.

- H. Have the general power and duties of management and control usually invested in the office of president of an organization, subject to such restrictions and such additional duties and such other powers as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, and By-Laws or the membership.

Section (3) Restriction on Office of Chairman: No person shall be qualified to be elected for more than two consecutive terms as Chairman.

Section (4) Duties and Powers of the Vice-Chairman:

The Vice-Chairman shall:

- A. Perform the duties and shall have the powers of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.
- B. Assist the Chairman in the execution of the duties of the Chairman.
- C. Have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (5) Duties and Powers of the Recording Secretary:

Recording Secretary shall:

- A. Keep or cause to be kept a book of minutes of the membership meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors, and any other gathering wherein the business of the organization shall be duly transacted, with the time, place of holding, whether regular or special, the notice thereto given, and the names of those officers, Directors or Representatives present.
- B. Keep or cause to be kept a roster of the membership together with the addresses and telephone numbers of each member.
- C. Give or cause to be given notice of all conventions and meetings of the membership at the addresses listed on the official roster of the Forum at least five (5) days before such meeting and thirty (30) days before conventions.
- D. Give or cause to be given, notice of all Board of Directors meetings at least three (3) days before such meeting to the members of such Board.
- E. Keep the seal of the organization in safe custody.
- F. Have such other powers and perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws, or the Membership.

Section (6) Duties and Powers of the Corresponding Secretary:

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

- A. Prepare and mail all correspondence and documentary matter required to be prepared or mailed by the organization.
- B. Keep in safe custody all correspondence and other matter received by the organization and copies of all matter sent by the organization.
- C. Prepare or cause to be prepared all written or typed or printed matter of the organization.
- D. Have such other powers and perform such other duties as may, from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (7) Duties and Powers of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall:

- A. Keep or cause to be kept adequate and correct accounts of funds, properties and business transactions of the organization.
- B. Deposit all monies and other valuables in the name of the organization with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors or the membership.
- C. Disburse funds with or without the co-signature of the Chairman or as may be directed by the Board of Directors or the Membership.
- D. Render to the Chairman, the Board of Directors or the membership, when it is requested, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the organization.
- E. Give quarterly reports on the first day of the months of January, April, July and October.
- F. Produce the books for inspection or audit by any member of this organization upon request.
- G. Complete the official tax forms required of the organization.
- H. Have such other powers and such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (8) Treasurer to be Bonded: The Treasurer of this organization shall be bonded and the expense covered by the organization. The Treasurer must be bonded prior to taking office.

Section (9) Duties and Powers of the Chaplain: The Chaplain shall render the official prayer and invocation or benediction at Membership meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors and when practicable, at any gathering of this organization. He shall have such other powers and such other duties as may from

time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (10) Duties and Powers of the Sergeant-at-Arms:

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall:

- A. Be the custodian of all of the property of the organization at the place wherein meetings or gatherings of the organization are held.
- B. Maintain order at the meetings.
- C. Greet guests and introduce them to the Chairman.
- D. Lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- E. Perform such additional duties and shall have such additional powers as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (11) Duties and Powers of the Legal Advisor: The Legal Advisor shall give legal aid and counsel to the organization and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (12) Vacancies of Offices:

- A. Chairman: In the event of death, resignation or other incapacity of the Chairman to continue in his office, he shall be succeeded to said office by the Vice-Chairman. In such a case, the office of Vice-Chairman shall remain vacant for the remainder of that term.
- B. Other vacancies occurring during first six months in office: Vacancies in other offices, except of the Legal Advisor, occurring during the first six months of the elective year shall be filled by a special election conducted at a regular or special meeting of the membership as soon after such vacancies as is practicable.
- C. Other vacancies occurring during second six month in office: Vacancies in other offices, except the Legal Advisor, occurring during the second six months of the elective year shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman as soon after such vacancies as is practical.

Section (13) Succession of Officers: The order of succession to the Office of Chairman shall be that order in which the various offices are listed in Section 1 of Article III of these By-Laws.

Section (14) Election of Officers:

A. Nomination: A Nominating Committee of members in good standing shall be appointed by the Chairman at a meeting prior to the elections. However, nominations for any office shall still be open on the night of elections. Nominations shall not be closed unless there are no further nominations from the floor and the question. "It has been moved and seconded that nominations for (office) be closed. Are there further nominations?" ...shall have been asked three (3) times and no response thereto received.

B. Elections: An Elections Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman on the night of elections and said committee shall pass out ballots and shall collect and tally and announce the results separately for each office.

C. Elections date and term of office: Elections of Officers shall be held on the first meeting in May or at such date as close thereto as practical with the approval of the majority of the membership. Officers thus duly elected shall serve for a term of one year commencing at the next regularly scheduled meeting or as close thereto as practicable with the approval of the majority of the membership.

D. Maximum Duty: The holding of one office in the Local, State or National Forum will constitute the maximum duty that the membership shall ask of any one member, except the Legal Advisor.

E. Oath of Officers: All officers of the American GI Forum of San Jose shall take the following oath prior to taking office:

"I, (Name), do hereby solemnly promise and swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, my State and my Flag, and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American GI Forum of the United States and of the San Jose Chapter, of which I am (office); further, betterment and advancement of this organization; that I am not now and have never been a member of any subversive organization and that I will serve to the best of my ability and will strive for cooperation with all committees and officers of the GI Forum and this End I shall always adhere to and uphold to the utmost, SO HELP ME GOD."

Section (15) Impeachment of Officers and Expulsion of Members:

A. General: Officers and members of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by impeachment and members may be expelled from membership in this organization for the following reasons:

1. Disloyalty to the United States;
2. Disloyalty to the American GI Forum;
3. Misconduct in office;
4. Improper or immoral conduct;
5. For the good of the organization.

B. Charges: Charges, in writing and under oath, may be presented to the Board of Directors by any member of this organization. The said charges must specify one or more of the grounds for impeachment or expulsion above cited and must indicate with particularity the acts or omissions and all grounds constituting the charges.

C. Preliminary Action: The Board of Directors may pass a resolution with two-thirds vote that the charges do not constitute sufficient grounds to require further action and the said charges shall be dismissed. Neither the resolution nor the minutes shall reflect the name of the person charged, the name of the person presenting the charges, nor the vote of each Director. The written charges and all documentary matter or exhibits shall be returned to the person presenting them and nothing shall remain in the files or in the possession of the organization which shall recall the names of the parties or the incident in general except as herein set forth.

D. Deliberations and Discussions: All deliberations and discussions pertaining to the matters set forth in Section 15 of ARTICLE IV of these By-Laws, shall be conducted in closed meetings of the Board of Directors and all persons who are not members of the Board of Directors shall be excluded therefrom, and if the person presenting the charges shall be a member of the Board of Directors, then such person shall likewise be excluded and shall have no power of vote upon the resolution mentioned in Sub-section C, Section 15 of ARTICLE III of these By-Laws. All proceedings included in this section herein may constitute mis-conduct in office for impeachment purposes.

E. Review of Charges: In the event that such resolution declaring the charges to be insufficient is not passed, the Chairman shall set the matter for a formal hearing before the Board of Directors at the earliest date practicable. He shall notify the accused of the time and place of the hearing. The accused shall present any and all evidence in refutation of said charges. The hearing upon charges shall be open unless the accused requests in writing that the hearing be closed. The Board of Directors, in a closed meeting, will deliberate and vote upon a resolution to:

1. Impeach the accused;
2. Expel the accused;
3. Impeach and expel the accused.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to pass any of the above mentioned resolutions.

F. Final Action: If any of the above resolutions indicated in Sub-section 15, ARTICLE III of these By-Laws shall have been passed by the Board of Directors, a hearing shall be held before the membership as soon as practicable. The accused shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing and shall be given an opportunity to be heard in his own defense. Failure to appear to answer charges may be construed as grounds for expulsion. The said meeting shall be open unless requested by the accused in writing that it be closed. The action of the Board of Directors must be ratified by a motion passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership present at said meeting.



## ARTICLE IV

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section (1) Board Members: The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Officers of the organization, the immediate past Chairman and as many additional Directors elected by the membership, provided that the total number of Directors shall not exceed fifteen (15). The term of office of the Directors shall run concurrently with the term of office of the officers and they shall be elected in the same manner as the officers.

Section (2) Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month at such time and place as is determined by the Board. Notice shall be given to all Directors at such addresses as are designated by them for such purpose at least three (3) days before such meeting is held. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman of the organization or by any three (3) Directors joining in a written request to the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for sending notice of Special or Regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section (3) Powers: The general governing powers of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors jointly with the Membership. The presence of simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to do business. Recommendations and resolutions shall be passed by a majority vote, unless the action requires a specific majority under the By-Laws. All recommendations and resolutions passed by the Board of Directors shall be presented to the Membership for approval or rejection.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to interpret the By-Laws of the San Jose Forum as they apply to the Ladies Auxiliary and shall have the power to exercise control of said organization through resolutions passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section (4) Resolutions: The Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Board of Directors and shall supervise the recording of the resolutions passed, the vote of each member, and shall sign the resolutions passed. The Chairman shall have the resolutions signed by the Recording Secretary and shall see that resolutions so adopted are read at the next regular membership meeting. Failure to read or cause the resolutions passed by the Board of Directors to be read to the membership within a reasonable time after such resolutions shall have been passed may be construed as misconduct in office for impeachment purposes.

## ARTICLE V

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Section (1) Membership Committee: The function of the Membership Committee shall be:

- A. To maintain an up-to-date roster of the active membership;
- B. To correspond with inactive members;
- C. To maintain a list of and correspond with prospective members;
- D. To maintain Membership Application and Membership Renewal Cards;
- E. To review the Discharge of prospective Veteran Members;
- F. To meet with the Board of Directors regarding all prospective members;
- G. To supervise initiation ceremonies;
- H. To conduct an Annual Membership Drive;
- I. To propose the yearly local dues for the coming year to the Board of Directors;
- J. To perform such other duties as might be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (2) Ways and Means Committee: The function of the Ways and Means Committee shall be:

- A. To submit a yearly program to the Board of Directors for approval.
- B. To contact and arrange for locations to be used for fund raising and social functions in advance of the functions.
- C. To obtain the necessary licenses and tax forms required for fund raising functions.
- D. To submit a complete report of each fund raising function to the Treasurer and to the Recording Secretary for filing.
- E. To submit all profits to the Treasurer.
- F. To assist the Treasurer in completing all necessary forms related to fund raising functions.
- G. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (3) Scholarship Committee: The function of the Scholarship Committee shall be:

- A. To employ at least three (3) members of the San Jose Ladies Auxiliary as members of this committee.
- B. To formulate a scholarship program which will contain the minimum requirements to qualify a student for a scholarship grant from San Jose Forum and the San Jose Auxiliary.
- C. To evaluate all candidates seeking a Forum scholarship.



- D. To select winning candidates.
- E. To keep informed of the different scholarships offered by other organizations for which our losing candidates may qualify.
- F. To arrange for a review of the recipients' college records at mid-year.
- G. To direct or cancel the payment of the second part of the scholarship.
- H. To seek ways and means to enlarge the Scholarship Fund through fund raising projects or direct appeals to persons, businesses or foundations.
- I. To publicize as much as practicable, the names of recipients, their college majors and the names of the San Jose Forum and Auxiliary.
- J. To hold and administer the Scholarship Fund.
- K. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (4) By-Laws Committee: The function of the By-Laws Committee shall be:

- A. To constantly review the By-Laws and initiate or accept recommendations for amendments when needed.
- B. To become thoroughly familiar with the By-Laws, their meaning and their interpretation.
- C. To provide information to the Chairman, Board of Directors or Membership as requested regarding conflicts with or provision of the By-Laws.
- D. To present recommended amendments to the By-Laws to the Membership as provided for in the By-Laws for passage or defeat.
- E. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (5) Organizing Committee: The function of the Organizing Committee shall be:

- A. To constantly look for and develop leads for the purpose of organizing new chapters of the GI Forum.
- B. To work closely with the Region IX Chairman in standardizing rules for organizing new Forums.
- C. To utilize standard rules in the organizing of new chapters.

D. To be responsible for the organizing obligations of the San Jose Forum.

E. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (6) Public Relations Committee: The function of the Public Relations Committee shall be:

A. To acquaint the general public with the objectives, activities and accomplishments of the American GI Forum of the U. S. and of the San Jose Forum.

B. To strive to win the sympathy and support of the public for the American GI Forum of the U.S.

C. To advertise and promote the best interests of the American GI Forum of San Jose.

D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (7) Welfare Committee: The function of the Welfare Committee shall be:

A. To undertake yearly Christmas Baskets Program for the needy.

B. To bring to the attention of the Forum, persons in need whom the Forum can help.

C. To initiate action to help the needy.

D. To be in attendance at all meetings of organizations requesting the participation of the Forum in undertaking a program to acquire food for the needy.

E. To familiarize themselves with business places, prices and costs for executing a program to aid the needy.

F. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (8) Auditing Committee: The function of the Auditing Committee shall be:

A. To examine the reports of the Treasurer, his books and vouchers and to see that all the money received is properly accounted for.

B. To see that all disbursements have been properly authorized and that there is a receipt for each disbursement.

C. To certify to the correctness of the Treasurer's reports.

D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Grievances Committee shall be:

Section (9) Grievances Committee: The function of the Grievances Committee shall be:

- A. To accept and consider all grievances from the membership and if judged proper, to present to the Board of Directors.
- B. To present grievances in specific terms but to identify the complainant only in the most general terms.
- C. To circulate among different members, especially those not actively participating in discussions at meetings, and to gain opinions and attitudes with regard to policy and procedures for possible presentation to the Board of Directors.
- D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws, or the Membership.

Section (10) Veterans Affairs Committee: The function of the Veterans Affairs Committee shall be:

- A. To constantly keep the Forum informed of the changes in laws, benefits and other related data affecting veterans.
- B. To aid any veteran in the affairs concerning veterans rights and privileges.
- C. To represent the San Jose Forum at meetings of the Santa Clara County United Veterans' Council.
- D. To provide the Forum with advanced information regarding veterans parades and other public demonstrations sponsored by veterans organizations.
- E. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

## ARTICLE VI

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section (1) Banquet Committee: The function of the Banquet Committee shall be:

- A. To plan and arrange for a yearly Installation and Awards Banquet.
- B. To present to the membership for their approval, a complete program for the Installation and Awards Banquet.
- C. To be responsible for the undertaking of the banquet.
- D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.
- E. To function with the use of a sub-committee to be named and undertake functions as follows:

Section (2) Awards Committee: The function of the Awards Committee shall be:

- A. To standarize titles of awards for presentation of the banquet.
- B. To standarize the qualifications for the different awards.
- C. To provide the membership with an opportunity to select the award winners.
- D. To select and purchase the awards to be presented.
- E. To arrange for and make the awards presentations at the banquet.
- F. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (3) Nominating Committee: The function of the Nominating Committee shall be:

- A. To contact possible candidates for the various offices and recommend them to the membership as candidates for office.
- B. To familiarize themselves with the duties and responsibilities of the offices and to enlighten possible candidates with that information.
- C. To remind those contacted and the rest of the membership of the provision in these By-Laws requiring nominations being open on election night.
- D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (4) Elections Committee: The function of the Elections Committee shall be:

- A. To pass out ballots to the membership on elections night.
- B. To recover the ballots and count each ballot, noting the vote and recording the vote for each office.
- C. To announce the results for each office separately and to indicate the registered vote for each candidate.
- D. To include in the ballots, all the names of the different candidates running for each office, opposite the title of the office to allow the membership to vote on all candidates at one time.
- E. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

Section (5) Special Projects Committee: The function of the Special Projects Committee shall be:

- A. To undertake those projects which do not come under the jurisdiction of the other committees when so directed by the Chairman.

B. To employ at least three (3) members of the San Jose Auxiliary as committee members.

C. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

## ARTICLE VII

### LADIES AUXILIARY

Section (1) Definition and Purpose: An Auxiliary gives or furnishes aid. The primary purpose of the San Jose Ladies of the American GI Forum shall be to aid and assist the San Jose Chapter of the American GI Forum in its undertakings, the members thereof and its own members.

Section (2) Jurisdiction: The San Jose Ladies Auxiliary shall be under the control of the Board of Directors of the San Jose Forum, Department of California. However, in the interest of developing and sustaining a spirit of cooperation, trust and mutual respect, the San Jose Ladies Auxiliary shall be considered a separate and autonomous entity with its proper structure and by-laws, subject only to such limitations as are outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws of the San Jose Forum and the resolutions of the Forum's Board of Directors.

Section (3) Formation of an Auxiliary: An Auxiliary may be formed by the San Jose Chapter of the American GI Forum upon fulfillment of the following requirements:

A. Approval by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the San Jose Forum at a regular or special membership meeting, due notice of the proposed formation having been given the entire membership of the Forum at least one week prior to such meeting.

B. There must be at least eight (8) persons eligible for membership.

C. Non-subversive oaths must have been taken by all applicants.

D. Approved application cards must have been properly filled out.

E. Admission fees and dues must have been paid.

Section (4) Application for Charter: An application for a charter for the Auxiliary shall be made in writing by the San Jose Forum to the Department Auxiliary Chairman. Such application must be signed by the Auxiliary Chairman elect and certified by the signature of the Chairman of the San Jose Forum. A copy of the application shall be mailed to the Department Chairman for his information. The name of the San Jose Chapter shall be recognized by requesting the name of the Auxiliary to be the "San Jose Ladies Auxiliary".

Section (5) Joint Committees: The San Jose Ladies Auxiliary shall be represented in the following Committees of the San Jose Forum:

- A. Scholarship Committee.
- B. Youth Committee.
- C. Special Projects Committee.

The membership strength of the above committees shall be determined by the Forum Chairman; however, in no case shall the San Jose Ladies Auxiliary have less than three (3) members in each of the above committees.

Section (6) Limitations: By-Laws: The San Jose Ladies Auxiliary may draft By-Laws for their government, provided that any article, section or provision that may be in conflict with the constitution and by-laws of the San Jose Forum, the Department of California or the American GI Forum of the U.S. shall become null and void.

Section (7) Limitations: Activities: The San Jose Ladies Auxiliary may engage in or initiate any activity or activities which are not inconsistent with the objectives and general policy of the San Jose Forum, the Department of California or the American GI Forum of the U.S.

Section (8) Membership: Membership is restricted to American female citizens over the age of twenty-one (21) years who are related by at least third degree to a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and to women under twenty-one (21) related to such veteran by marriage if qualified under Section 4, ARTICLE I.

## ARTICLE VIII

### JUNIOR GI FORUM

Section (1) Definition and Purpose: The primary purpose of the San Jose Junior GI Forum shall be to develop and promote a program of educational, charitable, and social activities to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. Foster and encourage spiritual and ethical values.
- B. Develop character.
- C. Teach responsible citizenship.
- D. Install a desire or aspiration for higher learning.

Section (2) Jurisdiction: The San Jose Junior GI Forum shall be subordinate and under the control of the San Jose Forum and the San Jose Ladies Auxiliary through



the joint committee on Youth. In the interest of developing initiative and leadership, the Junior GI Forum may develop its own structure and write its own By-Laws subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on Youth and the San Jose Forum Board of Directors. The joint committee on Youth shall be the governing body of the Junior GI Forum subject to the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the San Jose Forum.

Section (3) Formation of Junior GI Forum: A Junior GI Forum may be formed by the San Jose Forum and the San Jose Ladies Auxiliary upon fulfillment of the following requirements:

A. The Junior GI Forum must be sponsored jointly by the San Jose Forum and the San Jose Ladies Auxiliary.

B. The formation of a Junior GI Forum must be approved by a majority vote of the Forum and the Auxiliary at a joint membership meeting, due notice of the proposed formation having been given the membership of the Forum and Auxiliary, one week prior to such meeting.

C. There must be at least eight (8) persons eligible for membership.

D. Non-subversive oaths must have been taken by all applicants.

E. Approved application cards must have been properly filled out.

F. Admission fees and dues must have been paid.

Section (4) Application for Charter: An application for a Charter shall be made in writing to the Junior GI Forum Department Chairman or to the Department Chairman. Such application must be signed by the Junior Forum Chairman-elect and certified to by the signatures of the Chairman of the Forum and the Chairman of the Auxiliary. A copy of the application shall be mailed to the Department Chairman for his approval.

Section (5) Limitations: By-Laws: The San Jose Junior GI Forum may draft By-Laws for their government, provided that any article, section or provision that may be in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the San Jose Forum, the Department of California or the American GI Forum of the U.S. shall become null and void.

Section (6) Limitations: Activities: The San Jose Junior GI Forum may engage in or initiate any activity or activities which are not inconsistent with the objectives and general policy of the San Jose Forum, the Department of California or the American GI Forum of the U.S.

Section (7) Membership: Membership shall be restricted to single persons between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years of age who are closely related to a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces by at least third degree and who are not otherwise barred from membership under provisions of Section 4, ARTICLE I of these By-Laws.

NOTE: A first cousin would be a relative of third degree.

## ARTICLE IX

### PRAYER, PLEDGE, MOTTO and SEAL

Section (1) Prayer: The official prayer of this organization shall be the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi and it shall be read at the commencement of each meeting.

#### PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

LORD, make me an instrument of Thy Peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me show love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.

OH DIVINE MASTER, grant that I,  
May not so much seek to be consoled  
as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life,

AMEN

Section (2) Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America is hereby adopted by this organization as its pledge and shall be recited at every meeting of organization immediately after the official prayer.

#### PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation, under God, Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all."

Section (3) Motto: The official motto of this organization shall be:

"EDUCATION IS OUR FREEDOM, AND FREEDOM SHOULD  
BE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS"

## ARTICLE X

### DUES

Section (1) Local Dues: The amount of twelve dollars (\$12.00) annual local dues shall be collected from each member by this organization, subject to change by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

The dues and fees included in Sections 1 of Article X of these By-Laws are subject to change through proper action and due process of the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization having competent jurisdiction.



## ARTICLE XI

### PARLIAMENTARY RULE

Section (1) General: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (revised) shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, when not in conflict with the provisions of this constitution and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XII

### ENDORSEMENTS

Section (1) General: The San Jose Chapter of the American GI Forum of the U.S. shall not support, endorse, or oppose any political candidates or political parties.

It is expressly forbidden for all officers and members to use the name of the American GI Forum of the United States, the Department of California, the San Jose Chapter or any derivative thereof, for the support of the candidacy of any individual to political office or of any political party. Furthermore, the San Jose Chapter of the American GI Forum is hereby prohibited from affiliating itself with any other organization without the approval of the Board of Directors of the Department of California.

## ARTICLE XIII

### DELEGATES TO SER/JOBS FOR PROGRESS BOARD

Section (1) General: Delegates representing San Jose GI Forum on the SER/Jobs for Progress, Inc. Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of the Chapter. They shall be elected at a regular Chapter meeting by the same process used to elect Officers of the Chapter. Delegates shall serve for a term to be determined by the Chapter membership at the time of their election.

In the event that a delegate resigns, dies, or is removed from the board for whatever reason, the San Jose GI Forum membership shall, at the next regularly scheduled chapter meeting, elect one or more of its paid-up members to fill the vacancy/vacancies existing on the board.

Delegates representing San Jose Chapter on the SER/ Jobs for Progress, Inc. Board of Directors shall be bound by instructions given by the Chapter, e.g., to vote for or against an individual seeking the job of director; to vote for or against moving of the project offices; to vote for or against merging or affiliating the SER project with another project; and other specific directions given the delegates after the subject has been discussed at a regularly scheduled Chapter meeting.

One of the delegates elected shall be selected by a vote of the delegates to represent our delegation and present a report at the monthly Chapter meetings of San Jose GI Forum.

Regular attendance at San Jose Chapter meetings shall be one of the requirements for representing the Chapter on the board of SER or any other project where a member is representing San Jose GI Forum.